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Our Case No. 9683/77

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Hiroji Saito et al.)

Serial No.: New Application)

Filing Date: Herewith)

For: Apparatus for Transmitting Program)
Information, Communicating)
System, Method of Transmitting)
Program Information, Method of)
Instructing Program Recording)
Operation, and Method of)
Instructing Program Purchasing)
Operation)

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To be assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 5, 10, 11, and 17-18 as follows:

5. (Once Amended) An apparatus for transmitting program information as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3, said apparatus further comprising:

history-information-obtaining-means for obtaining history information concerning a watching operation, a recording operation or both of these operations of the user, for the program broadcast in the past; and

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